

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 15 and ending on page 1, line 21 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Reformers for catalytically oxidizing hydrocarbons to produce hydrogen and carbon monoxide fuels are well known. Such reformers are used as fuel generators for downstream fuel cell systems in known fashion. Catalytic reforming requires an elevated catalyst temperature that at steady-state is typically between about 650°e 650°C and 800°C. The reforming temperature then is maintained either by exothermic reforming or by endothermic reforming in the presence of hot exhaust recycled from the fuel cell system.